



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 874**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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*Current law* requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to register individuals and businesses engaged in the business of drilling drinking water wells and that engage in the business of installing pumps to withdraw water from wells.

*Assembly Bill 874* requires DNR to register well drilling businesses and pump installing businesses, to license individuals as well drillers and pump installers and to register individuals as drilling rig operators. Under the bill, to become a licensed well driller, an individual must have been a registered drilling rig operator for two out of the preceding five years, must have completed training requirements for drilling rig operators, must have specified well drilling experience required by DNR, and must pass an examination. To become a licensed pump installer, an individual must pass an examination.

*Assembly Amendment 1* provides that a person who is a registered well driller on the effective date of the legislation and meets other requirements of the bill, is eligible for a well driller license without being required to take the written examination. The amendment also requires DNR to issue a pump installer license to individuals who are registered as pump installers on the effective date of the legislation, without the requirement to take a pump installer examination.

### *Legislative History*

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill as amended on March 2, 2006, both by a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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